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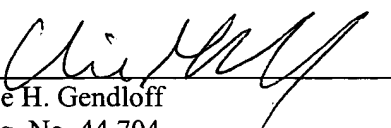
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VACCINE SYSTEM WITH
ENVIRONMENTALLY LIMITED
VIABILITY

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

This paper is timely filed in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated October 1, 1999 by virtue of the accompanying one-month Petition for Extension of Time. It is respectfully requested that the election below be entered without traverse and that the application be examined on the merits.